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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/22/06; 12/27/06; 7/27/05; 10/7/05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-12 are examined on the merits.

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2. Documents C1 and C2 on the IDS, filed March 30, 2006, and document no. 9 on the IDS, filed March 22, 2004, have not been considered because said documents do not have publication dates.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
4. Page 2, line 9, recites the instant application is a continuation of 10/635,795 wherein there is a typographical error in the above application number. The correct application number is 10/635,794. Appropriate correction is required.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC § 101

5. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

6. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory algorithm subject matter.
7. Claim 1-12 recite a method of building a resource access table wherein said method does not result in a physical transformation for which a practical application is either disclosed in the specification or would have been known to a skilled artisan, or produce any in tangible and concrete results. It is noted that claim 1, lines 6-7, recites "writing a resource access table entry...", however, the limitation merely transforms from one value to another wherein such transformation by itself is not sufficient for establishing that the

claimed invention is statutory. Further, the specification does not recite any concrete and tangible results that would inherently flow from the claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

9. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pouban et al. (US 4104718 A) (Pouban hereafter).
10. In regard to claim 1, Pouban discloses a method of building a resource access table in a system for controlling access to resources (Abstract etc. and Figures 30-32) comprising the steps of:
- a. Identifying a resource call in a process (column 3, lines 16-19);
 - b. Identifying a resource accessed by the resource call (column 3, lines 53-57);
 - c. Assigning permission to the resource (column 3, lines 40-52 and lines 59-64);
 - d. Writing a resource access table entry in a resource access table including data identifying the process, the resource, and the permission (Figures 30-32); such that when the process is executed and the process makes a resource call for the resource, access to the resource may be controlled by the permission data entry in the resource access table entry of the resource access table (column 3, lines 40-52 and lines 59-64, and Figures 30-32).

11. It is noted that the limitation of “such that...the resource access table” has been interpreted as an intended use for the “resource access table entry.” The resource table entry cited in Figures 30-32 has been interpreted as inherently support the intended use as required by the instant claim. See MPEP 2111.02 [R-3] (II). It is further noted that the limitation of “such that...the resource access table” is recited in the body of the claim; however, the claimed invention is read in the context of the entire claim.
12. In regard to claim 2, Pouban discloses the step of identifying a resource call in a process is automated (column 7, line 25, to column 8, line 56). It is noted that the disclosure of a subsystem which performs the above-cited method anticipates the limitation of “automated.”
13. In regard to claim 3, Pouban discloses the step of identifying a resource accessed by the resource call is performed by a computer (column 7, line 25, to column 8, line 56).
14. In regard to claim 4, Pouban discloses the step of assigning permission data to the resource is performed by software (column 7, line 25, to column 8, line 56).
15. In regard to claim 5, Pouban discloses the step of writing a resource access table entry to a process resource access table (column 44, line 58-68, and column 45, lines 1-21).
16. In regard to claim 6, Pouban discloses said process resource table is compiled (column 54, lines 12-25) to generate a resource access table (column 54, lines 26-37).
17. In regard to claims 7-12, Pouban discloses the claimed invention as cited above.

CONCLUSION


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21. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tim Vo, can be reached on (571) 272-3642.

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Patent Examiner
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